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TO : Chief of Logistics

DATE: 17 September 1953

FROM : Acting Chief, Procurement Division

SUBJECT: Weekly Activity Report

1. GENERAL

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a. [REDACTED] (continued item):

(1) Insurance Claim: No change.

2. PROJECTS

a. Pool of Cleared Sources for Procurement (continued item):
No change.

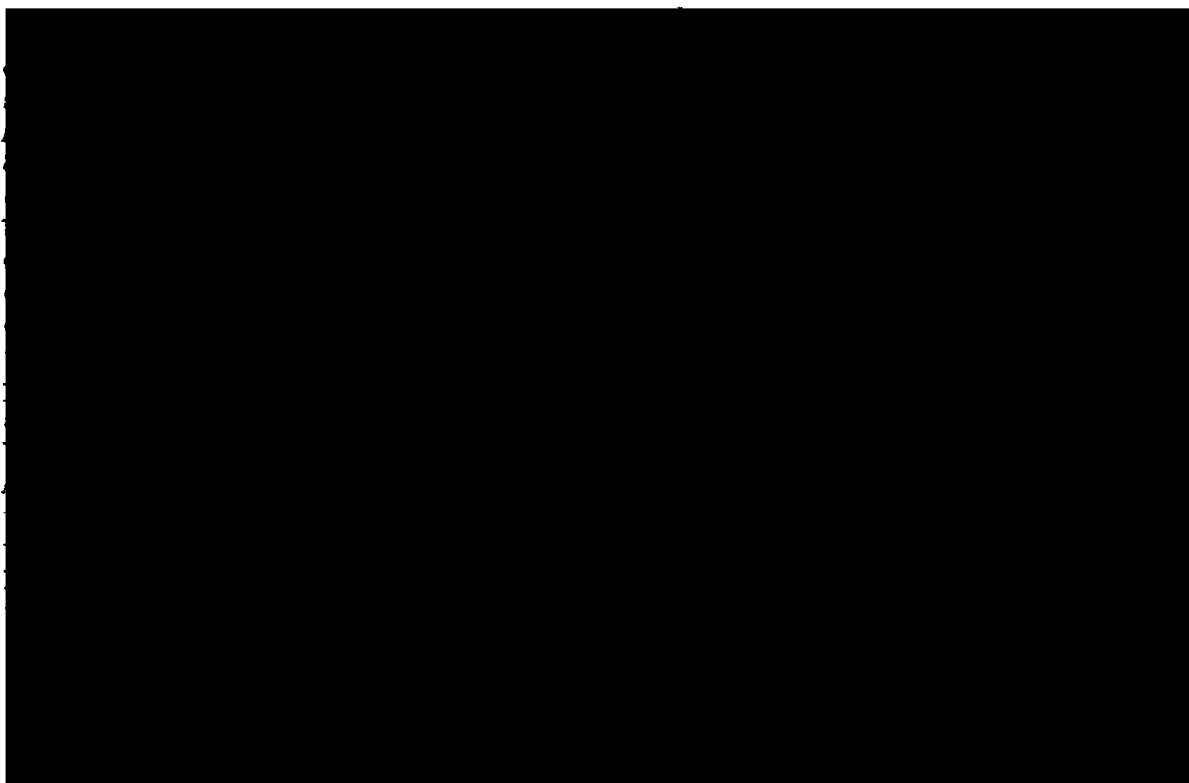
3. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

a. Reinstitution of Foreign Procurement (continued item):

(1) [REDACTED] Contract: No change.

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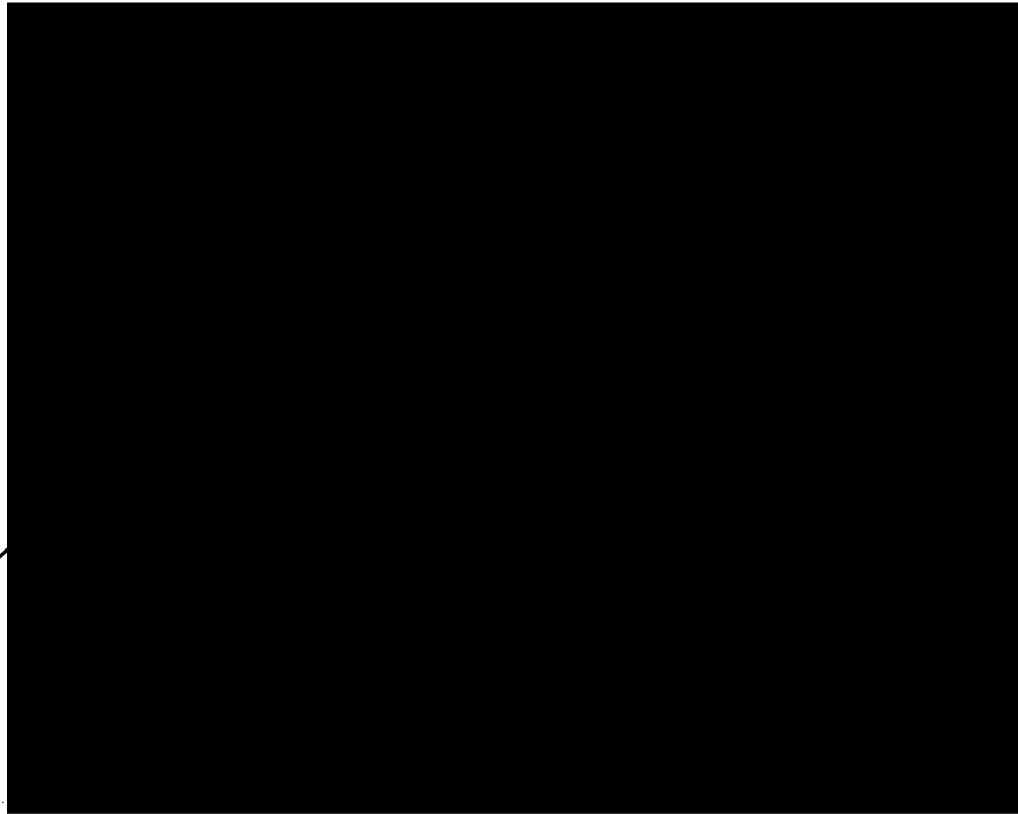
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present that a letter would be sent by this Agency stating that based on the report this Agency has determined that the 7.92mm ammunition is not in accordance with the specifications and is therefore not acceptable to this Agency for use in automatic weapons. Accordingly, it was requested that the [REDACTED] immediately discontinue acceptance of any further delivery of 7.92mm ammunition.

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b. VHF/UHF Multiple Link Systems (completed item): The long-standing matter of the Letter of Intent between this Agency and [REDACTED] Inc. for procurement of the UHF Systems has been resolved on a basis highly satisfactory to the Agency. At the time of last week's report [REDACTED] of the Contract Branch was at the [REDACTED] negotiating for a contract to supersede the Letter of Intent. Since then, the negotiations have been concluded and the original quotation of \$222,421.28, which included a flat excise tax, was reduced to \$197,864.69. To this latter figure there must be added the Federal Excise Tax which could not be immediately determined, but which is estimated to be an additional approximate amount of \$1,978.64. This reduction was achieved primarily by reducing the General and Administrative overhead from 14-6/10% as originally quoted to 6% and the Indirect Factory Expense from 150% to 140%. These completed negotiations

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are now in the process of being reduced to the written contract. It is believed that the firm stand taken on 30 June in not accepting the sole bidder's high quotation was justified by the final results indicated above.

c. Status of Requisitions:

(1) Pertinent information concerning the Contract and Purchase Order Branches is attached.

(2) Status of requisitions in this Division:

	Special Purchase	Military Purchase	Contract Branch	Pur. Ord. Branch	Total
Brought fwd.	3	9	72	236	320
Received	22	19	18	83	142
Completed	22	17	9	90	138
Pending	3	11	81	229	324

Amt. Oblig. [REDACTED]

4. SPECIAL PROBLEMS

a. Cargo Parachutes:

Several cables were received from the [REDACTED] Stations reporting that a drop test had been conducted of various type cargo parachutes which resulted in malfunctions of two types and sterility consideration of one type. A study of the cables was made in conjunction with representatives of AMD and TSS and a summary of each type parachute involved, including action taken, is listed below:

DX-9 Parachutes: The field reported that out of a drop of 150 of these units, 35 malfunctions were experienced. This is a standard 15' baseball type canopy packed in a DX-9 parachute pack which was designed by Research and Development Division of TSS. These units were designed primarily for cargo drops from a bomb bay of a bomber-type airplane.

Approximately 100 of these units were tested by Headquarters personnel in March and April of 1953. It was determined at that time that in the event these units were used for drops from a cargo-type airplane, a slight modification would be necessary. Modification instructions were prepared and inserted in each case of these cargo chutes remaining on hand in our warehouses. It was agreed by AMD that they would forward the modification instructions to each field station which had already received shipments of the DX-9 units.

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Upon receipt of the cables from the field, Mr. [REDACTED] of AMD was contacted as to whether modification instructions had been forwarded to the [REDACTED] Station. Mr. [REDACTED] advised that such instructions had been dispatched since the cable from [REDACTED] had been received from Headquarters.

Based on the 100% performance experienced by Headquarters on drop tests of the modified units, it is felt that the field will receive satisfactory results after modifying the units in accordance with the instructions.

DX-6 Parachutes: Field Station reported that these units appeared to be war surplus canopies, with one having 18 patches. These units were surplus personnel canopies packed in a DX-6 pack which was also designed by our Research and Development Division. It was generally agreed by all Area Divisions at Headquarters that airborne gear sold as surplus would be considered sterile. This fact has been confirmed with the Logistics Officer of the Area Division concerned in this case.

DX-18 Parachutes: The cable reported that out of a drop of 8 DX-18 parachutes, one malfunction was experienced and one unit which was considered sterile contained the manufacturers inspector's tag. A cable has been dispatched to the field requesting additional information concerning the malfunction and also requesting that the inspector's tag be forwarded to Headquarters.

b. Contracts Covered by FY 52 Vouchered Funds (new item): A preliminary review of contracts covered by 1952 vouchered funds due to expire COB - 30 June 1953 indicates the following:

1. Delivery completed - Audit completed. Admin. requesting more information prior to settlement proposal	1
2. Deliveries completed, audit made and audit report being prepared but not received by Admin. and Inspection Branch	4
3. Deliveries completed, audit not yet requested	3
4. Deliveries or services not completed, audits to be scheduled at appropriate time	20
Total	28

A complete presentation of the above problem will be submitted by 28 September 1953 in a separate report.

5. MAJOR OBJECTIVES

a. Objectives for Calendar Year 1953 (continued item): The bi-weekly report for this item will be reported as due on next week's report.

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